

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT L. CORBIN

HONORING JAMES ALLEN BIBENS

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to a respected community leader and a dear friend from my congressional district, Mr. Robert L. Corbin. He is part of our "Greatest Generation" who fought in the Second World War—an ordinary American who did extraordinary things to serve our country and protect the freedom we cherish today.

As a young man, Bob answered his country's call to duty, at a time when his fellow countrymen needed him the most. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, and was deployed to Europe, assigned to the 84th Infantry Division. Bob was a 22-year-old Army second lieutenant when he was captured by the Germans and sent to a POW camp for American officers in Poland. After escaping during a botched rescue attempt from the Stalag 13 POW camp, Bob and two other officers endured nine harsh winter nights on the run, to avoid recapture. He wrote a novel chronicling his experiences as a prisoner of war titled, "Captured! The POW Saga of Frank Battle." Looking back on this experience, Bob said: "I absolutely believe that a number of times God, or a divine being, was looking over our shoulders because the difference between life and death was whether we took the left trail in the woods or the right trail in the woods."

After his return home, Bob contributed generous amounts of his time and energy to better our community. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Otterbein College, and entered the food service industry. He became CEO of Foodcraft Management Company, and served as president of the Ohio Restaurant Association and the Miami Valley Restaurant Association. He served for 24 years in the Ohio State House of Representatives, from 1977 to 2001. As chair of both the Commerce Committee and the Labor and Finance Committee, Bob earned a reputation as a voice of reason and fairness.

After retiring from the legislature, Bob served a four-year term as a member of the Centerville City Council, where he applied his wisdom and guidance to help make the city a better place to live and raise a family. Bob's career in public service set an example for all of us who work to serve our communities and our nation. At age 90, he recently retired as a member of the Board of Trustees at Sinclair Community College. Bob and his wife Ede have been married for 62 years, and he is the father of two daughters, Lynn and Carol.

Bob Corbin is one of the most honorable men it has been my privilege to know. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a truly outstanding citizen for his lifetime of service to our country and to the people of Ohio.

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Allen Bibens. James is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years James has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 36 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, James has led his troop in various positions including Patrol Leader, has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and is a Brotherhood Member in the Order of the Arrow. James has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. James designed and constructed a large cook box for food storage and cooking utensils for campers at Heartland Presbyterian Center in Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending James Allen Bibens for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

BOB ALLEN—A KTRK LEGEND

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I'm honored to recognize a Houston legend, Bob Allen who recently signed off from the sports desk at KTRK Channel 13 after nearly forty years. Bob's last broadcast was Thursday, January 17th after the Houston Texans' closed their electric 2012 season. The timing of his exit was no coincidence; he had high hopes of a Super bowl for the Texans just like the rest of us. Bob has brought sports into our homes for decades. His outstanding career at KTRK may have come to an end but for many of us Houston sports will always be synonymous with Bob Allen.

KTRK hired Bob as a weekend sportscaster all the way back in 1974, but his passion for sports and the news began long before that. Legend has it that when he was just ten years old, Bob took off on his bike from his West University house to the KTRK studios just to get a peek at the newsroom. In those days Guy Savage was the sportscaster. Young Bob was shown the exit that day, but little did they know that this bright eyed young boy would be the future face of sports in Houston.

After Bob joined KTRK it took just six months for him to be named sports director. And the rest is history. Bob has been in our living rooms through some of the greatest

sports moments of the last half century; the Rockets championships in the '90s and the Love Ya blue oilers in the 70s just to name a few. I spent many nights after supper watching his sports casts after the Oilers and Astros games with my son Kurt. Bob has told the story of sports to generations of Houstonians. He has interviewed some of the greatest sports legends, including Nolan Ryan, Stan "the Man" Musial and George Foreman. Bob even tested out his acting skills with roles in the ABC TV movie Murder at the World Series in 1977, and another sports mystery thriller, Night Game, in '89. He played a sportscaster and an announcer for the Houston Astros, of course.

Bob has also given back to the Houston community in other ways through his charitable work with the Special Olympics and the Sunshine Kids, which helps children struggling with cancer. His commitment to service earned him recognition from the Special Olympics, who awarded him the Spirit of Special Olympics award.

Bob's departure from KTRK marks the end of an era for Houston but it also marks a new beginning for Bob. He dedicated forty years to a fantastic career in sports broadcasting. Now that this chapter is over, he's looking forward to pursuing new projects. He insists that he is resigning, not retiring. He won't stop, that's just the kind of guy he is. When asked about his future he said "I'll probably end up being busier than I was at 13." I don't doubt that one bit. He plans to start a media company that includes public speaking engagements and radio, and he will write a book about working on TV with some of the world's greatest athletes. Bob is a credit to the broadcasting profession and a credit to Texas. We will miss him in our homes but wish him well on his next adventure. Congratulations, Bob, on a fantastic career. And that's just the way it is.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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Meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.